

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated October 6, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 9 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-15 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by ARA (Applicant's Related art). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 is allowable in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...wherein the first protective film is spaced apart from the transparent electrode in the first drain contact hole." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 1-8, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

Applicant respectfully submits that because the width of the first contact hole passing through the storage insulating film is greater than that of the second contact hole passing through the protective film as disclosed in paragraph [0064] of the present application, the first protective film is spaced apart from the transparent electrode in the first drain contact hole, as illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5F of the present application.

Claim 9 is allowable in that claim 9 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...wherein the first protective film is spaced apart from the transparent electrode in the first drain contact hole." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 9 and claims 10-15, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

Applicant believes this application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in

condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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